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RAJYA SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd, December, 1995:—

BILL No. LXX OF 1995

A Bill to amend the Seamen's Provident Fund Act, 1966.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Forty-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Seamen's Provident Fund (Amendment) Act, 1995.

Short title and commencement.

- (2) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.
- 2. In section 2 of the Seamen's Provident Fund Act, 1966 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in clause (l), for the words "a master, navigating or engineering officer, radio officer, medical officer, welfare officer, purser, electrician, nurse, musician, pilot, apprentice or deck barber", the words "a welfare officer, nurse, musician, pilot or deck barber" shall be

Amendment of section 2.

3. In section 4 of the principal Act,—

Amendment of section 4.

- (a) in sub-section (3), for the words "the State Bank of India", the words "an approved bank" shall be substituted;
- (b) the following Explanation shall be added at the end, namely:—

'Explanation.-In this section, "approved bank" means the State Bank of India constituted under section 3 of the State Bank of

4 of 1966,

India Act, 1955, or a subsidiary bank as defined in clause (k) of section 2 of the State Bank of India (Subsidiary Banks) Act, 1959, or a corresponding new bank constituted under section 3 of the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970, or a corresponding new bank constituted under section 3 of the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1980.'.

23 of 1955. 38 of 1959.

5 of 1970.

40 of 1980.

Amendment of section 7.

4. In section 7 of the principal Act,-

- (a) in sub-section (2), the words "and other officers whose maximum monthly salary is not less than six hundred rupees" shall be omitted;
- (b) in sub-section (4), the words "or to any other post carrying a maximum monthly salary of not less than six hundred rupees" shall be omitted.

Amendment of section 8, 5. In section 8 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), for the words "and thereafter at the rate of eight per cent.", the words and figures "for the period beginning with the 1st day of April, 1968 and ending with the 31st day of December, 1977, at the rate of eight per cent., and thereafter at the rate of ten per cent. or such higher rate as may be specified in the Scheme" shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 15. 6. In section 15 of the principal Act, for sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

"(3) The provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 shall, as far as may be, apply to any search or seizure under sub-section (2) as they apply to any search or seizure made under the authority of a warrant issued under section 94 of the said Code.".

2 of 1974.

Amendment of section 16. 7. In section 16 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), for the words "six months, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees", the words "one year, or with fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Seamen's Provident Fund Act, 1966 provides for the institution of a provident fund for Seamen. Certain difficulties have been experienced in the implementation of the provisions of the Act. In order to remove these difficulties, it is proposed to amend the Act as follows:—

- (i) It is proposed to amend the definition of "seaman" with a view to include certain category of persons (hitherto excluded) within the said definition.
- (ii) It is proposed to amend section 4 to provide that the money received in the Fund may be deposited in any nationalised bank.
- (iii) Section 7 relating to employment of employees of the Board is proposed to be amended to provide for functional streamlining of such employment.
- (iv) Section 8 is proposed to be amended to facilitate fixing of rate of contribution by the employer, as may be specified in the Scheme.
- (v) Sub-section (1) of section 16 is proposed to be amended to provide for enhanced punishment for contravention of the provisions of that sub-section.

The Bill seeks to achieve the above objects.

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